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I, Bruce Schneier, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge the practice of the algorithm, reference implementation, and mathematically optimized implementations, I have submitted, known as Twofish may be covered by the following U.S. and/or foreign patents: none.

I do hereby declare that I am aware of no patent applications which may cover the practice of my submitted algorithm, reference implementation or mathematically optimized implementations.

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Agreed to and Accepted



Signature of Submitter

Printed Name: Bruce Schneier

Title: President, Counterpane Systems

Dated: 15 June 1998

Place: Minneapolis, MN

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Signed: _____

Name: Douglas L. Whiting

Title: Chief Technology Officer, Hi/fn

Dated: June 1, 1998

Place: San Diego, California

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